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In the drawings:

Please amend FIG. 1 and FIG. 5 as indicated on the attached drawing sheet. The amendment to FIG. 1 is to make minor changes to conform to claim amendments. FIG. 5 is amended to add the label "PRIOR ART". A markup and replacement sheet are provided for each.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-6 are present in the application and are amended herein. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-12 have been allowed.

The drawings are objected to. Fig. 5 is amended herein to add the designator PRIOR ART. Fig. 1 is amended to make minor modifications in view of the claim amendments.

Claims 1 and 3-6 were objected to because of formalities. Applicant has amended the claims herein with attention to the points raised by the Examiner.

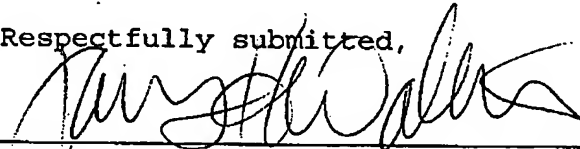
Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kato (U.S. 6,606,799). Applicant respectfully traverses. Claims 1 and 2 are amended herein, and in view of the amendments, are believed to define over Kato.

The other claims are amended in manners that are also believed to put them into allowable form.

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In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

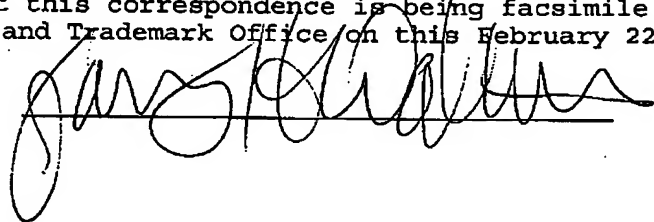
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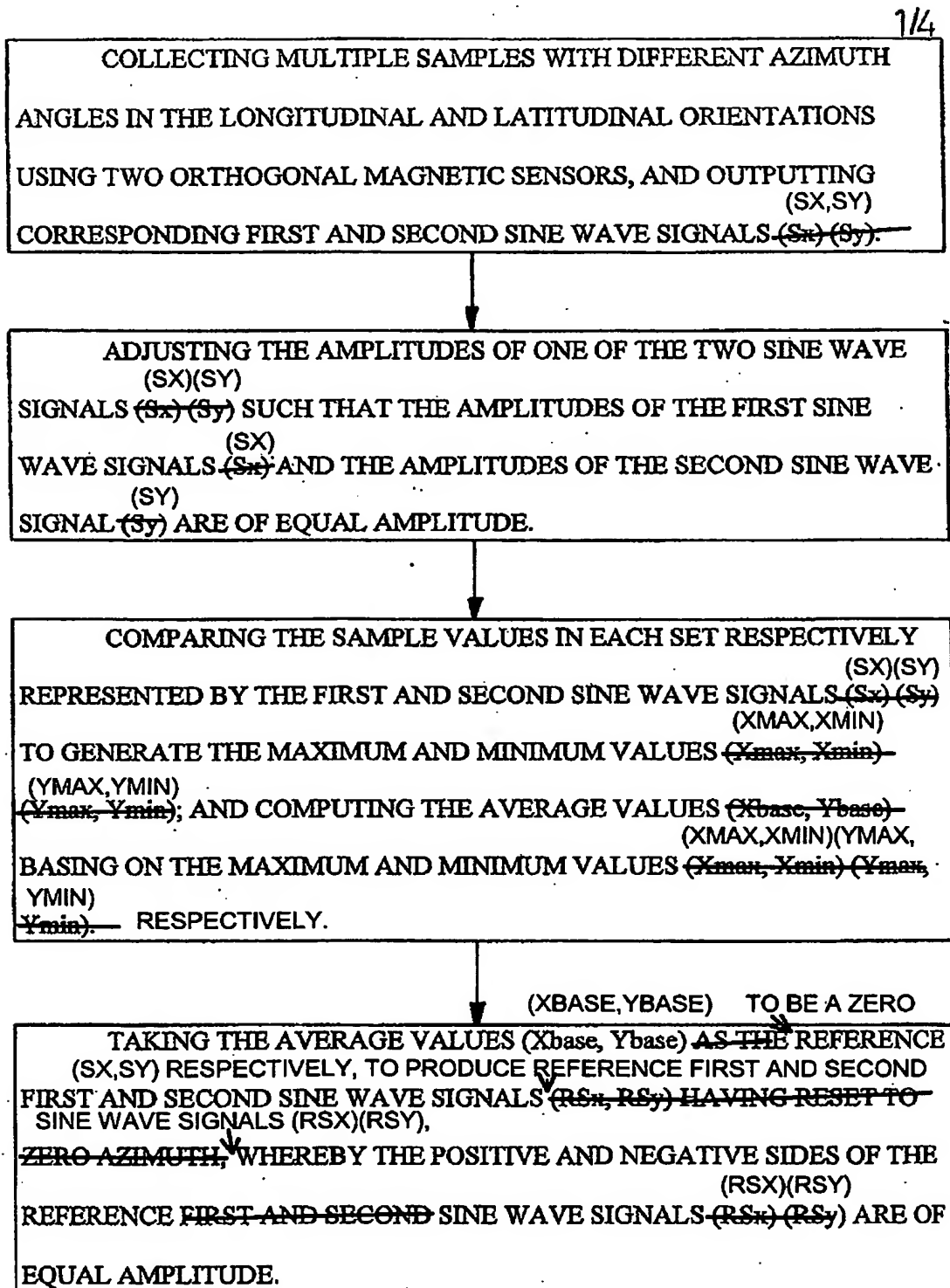


FIG. 1

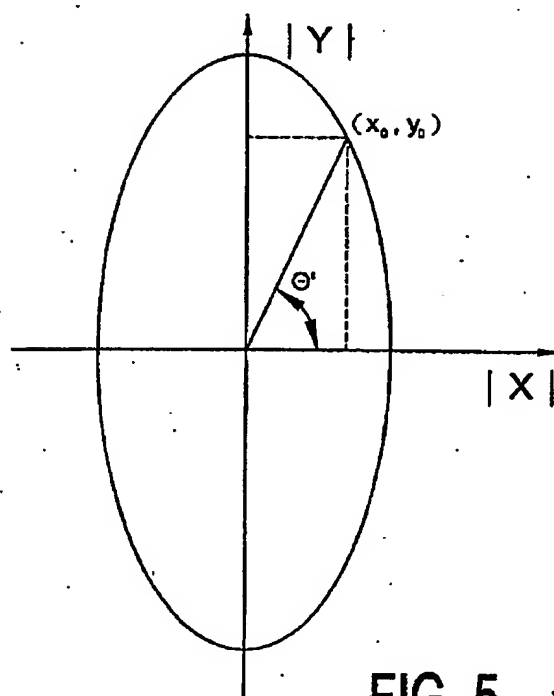
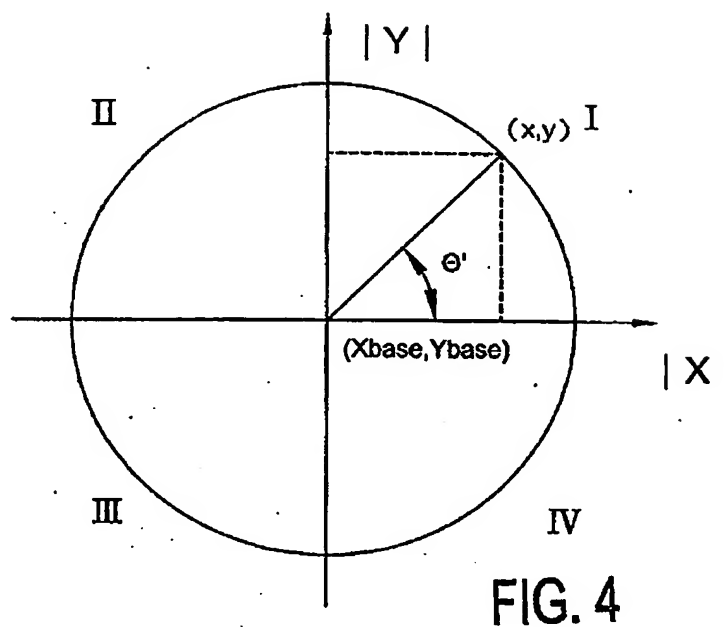
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